(c) Height, weight and vision:- Minimum 154.5 cms. height and proportionate weight relaxablc by 2.5 cms. in case of SC/ST candidates. Normal eye sight without glasses or with contact lenses.

(d) Other conditions:Thcy arc appointed on a probation of six months initially, which can be extended or alternatively, their services can be terminated if the performance during the probation period is not considered satisfactory. They are required to serve for a minimum period of 36 months from the date of appointment. In case of failure to do so, an amount of Rs. 5,000/- deposited by them is liable to be forfeited. During the tenure of their service, they are governed by Indian Airlines Service Rules applicable to the Flying Crew and standing orders concerning discipline and appeals as framed and amended from time to time. 2. AIR INDIA

(a) Qualification- Graduate from a recognised University or S.S.C. with 3 years diploma in catering from a recognised Institute or S.S.C. with proficiency in one or more of the prescribed foreign languages, having a diploma/certificate course for a minimum period of 18 months from a recognised Institute.

(b) Age limits etc.- Unmarried girsl between 18 and 25 years. Maximum age relax-ablc by 5 years in case of SC/ST candidates.

(c) Height, Weight and Vision.- Minimum height 154.5 cms with proportionate wight. Normal eye sight without glasses or with contact lenses. Should be eligible for an Indian passport.

(d) Other Condi-tions.- Initially appointed as a trainee air hostess and upon successful completion of training, a trainee air hostess is appointed as an air hostess. They are required to serve for a minimum period of 36 months from the date of appointment. In case of failure to do so, an amount of Rs2500/- deposited as security is liable to be forfeited. During the tenure of service they are governed by Air India Service Rules and standing orders concerning discipline and appeals as framed and amended from time to time.

Increased Air Fares

4. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times air fares were hiked during the last three years; and

(b) what was the increase in terms of percentage each time?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) and (b)

I. INDIAN AIRLINES

(a) 11.4.1990 15.7% on total fares in the form of fuel surcharge

(b) 26.9.1990 10% of total fare as Gulf evacuation surcharge

(c) 7.10.1991 Gulf Evacuation surcharge merged with fuel surcharge. Fare increased by 20% (9% in the form of basic fare and 11% in the form of fuel surcharge)

(d) 2.10.1992 9% of total fares in the form of fuel surcharge

II. VAYUDOOT

(a) 11.4.1990 15.7% on total fares in the form of fuel surcharge

(b) 26.9.1990 10% of total fare as Gulf Evacuation surcharge

(c) 7.10.1991 Gulf evacuation surcharge merged with fuel surcharge. Fare increased by 20% (9% in the form of basic fare and 11% in the form of fuel surcharge)

(d) 20.3.1992 Increase in total fare ranging upto 60% in various sectors

(e) 15.4.1992 Increase in dollar fares. (0 1.9.1992 15% on total fare in north eastern sectors.

III. AIR INDIA

The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of ITDCHotcIs

5. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic hotel industry have lodged complaints against the move of Government to offer certain hotels under ITDC only to international hotel corporations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of requests have been received from Indian hotel chains to participate in this scheme.

(c) The reasons for inviting foreign international chains for setting up of joint ventures of ITDC hotels are as follows:—

(i) The equity participation by foreign international chains would bring foreign exchange to the country.

(ii) Their coming to India would create healthier competition amongst the hotel industry.

(iii) The presence of intemationnal hotel chains in India would help in making avaialble a large international marketing network thereby increasing tourist inflow to India.

Light and Sound Show at Jala Tal Ghar at Sibsagar in Assm

6. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to start a light and sound show at Jalatal Ghar in Sibsagar in Assam; and

(b) If so, what is the present position of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Filling up of Group 'D' Post in I.A.

7. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it a fact that a number of vacancies in Group 'D' posts (Peon/ Frash) have been lying vacant in Indian Airlines in its New Delhi Hqrs. Office for quite some time;

(b) whether it is also a fact that